

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (currently amended) An apparatus for measuring a radius of a hole, comprising:
a support member having at least one non-articulated arm, each at least one arm having a first end and a second end, the first end rigidly attached to the support member;
a magnet moveably attached to the support member via the second end of each at least one arm;
a first magnetic sensor fixed to the support member for measuring a magnetic field of the magnet; and
a second magnetic sensor fixed to the support member.
2. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first magnetic sensor is adapted to measure a component of the magnetic field.
3. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first magnetic sensor is a magnetoresistive sensor.
4. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the magnet is a permanent magnet.
5. (canceled)
6. (previously amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first and second magnetic sensors are spaced apart at a known distance, and the second magnetic sensor adapted to measure the component of the magnetic field measured by the first magnetic sensor.
7. (previously amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first and second magnetic sensors are at a same location and the second magnetic sensor adapted to measure a magnetic field component that is orthogonal to the component of the magnetic field measured by the first magnetic sensor.
8. (previously amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first magnetic sensor and the second magnetic sensor comprise magnetoresistive sensors.
9. (previously amended) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a third magnetic sensor for measuring an external magnetic field, wherein the third magnetic sensor is spaced apart from the magnet such that the third magnetic sensor is substantially unaffected by the magnetic field of the magnet in its direction of sensing.

10. (original) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the third magnetic sensor comprises a magnetoresistive sensor.
11. (currently amended) A downhole tool for measuring a radius of a borehole, comprising:
a housing having an exterior surface and an interior;
at least one non-articulated arm, each of the at least one arm having a first end and a second end, the first end rigidly attached to the exterior surface of the housing;
at least one permanent magnet moveably attached to the exterior surface of the housing and each at least one permanent magnet attached to the second end of each at least one non-articulated arm; and
a first magnetic sensor, fixed in the interior of the housing for measuring a magnetic field of the at least one permanent magnet.
12. (original) The downhole tool of claim 11, wherein the first magnetic sensor is adapted to measure a component of the magnetic field.
13. (original) The downhole tool of claim 11, wherein the first magnetic sensor comprises a magnetoresistive sensor.
14. (canceled)
15. (previously amended) The downhole tool of claim 11, wherein each of the at least one permanent magnet is in a protective enclosure.
16. (original) The downhole tool of claim 11, further comprising a second magnetic sensor, fixed in the interior of the housing for measuring the magnetic field.
17. (original) The downhole tool of claim 16, wherein the first and second magnetic sensors are spaced apart at a known distance and the second magnetic sensor is adapted to measure the component of the magnetic field measured by the first magnetic sensor.
18. (original) The downhole tool of claim 16, wherein the first and second magnetic sensors are located at a same location and the second magnetic sensor is adapted to measure a magnetic field component that is orthogonal to the component of the magnetic field measured by the first magnetic sensor.
19. (original) The downhole tool of claim 16, wherein the second magnetic sensor comprises a magnetoresistive sensor.
20. (original) The downhole tool of claim 16, further comprising a third magnetic sensor for measuring an exterior magnetic field, wherein the third magnetic sensor is spaced apart

from the magnet such that the third magnetic sensor is substantially unaffected by the magnetic field of the magnet in its direction of sensing.

21. (original) The downhole tool of claim 20, wherein the third magnetic sensor comprises a magnetoresistive sensor.
22. (original) The downhole tool of claim 16, wherein the downhole tool is one selected from a logging-while-drilling tool, a measurement-while-drilling tool, and a wireline tool.
23. (previously amended) A method for measuring a displacement, comprising:
 - generating a magnetic field using a magnetic field source;
 - measuring a first magnitude of a component of the magnetic field using a first sensor disposed within the magnetic field;
 - displacing the magnetic field source;
 - measuring a second magnitude of the component of the magnetic field using a second sensor disposed within the magnetic field;
 - determining a distance that the magnetic field source is displaced using the first magnitude and the second magnitude.
24. (previously amended) The method according to claim 23, wherein the calculating the distance comprises using a function of magnitudes of the component of the magnetic field with respect to distances between the sensors and the magnetic field source.